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Sixty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

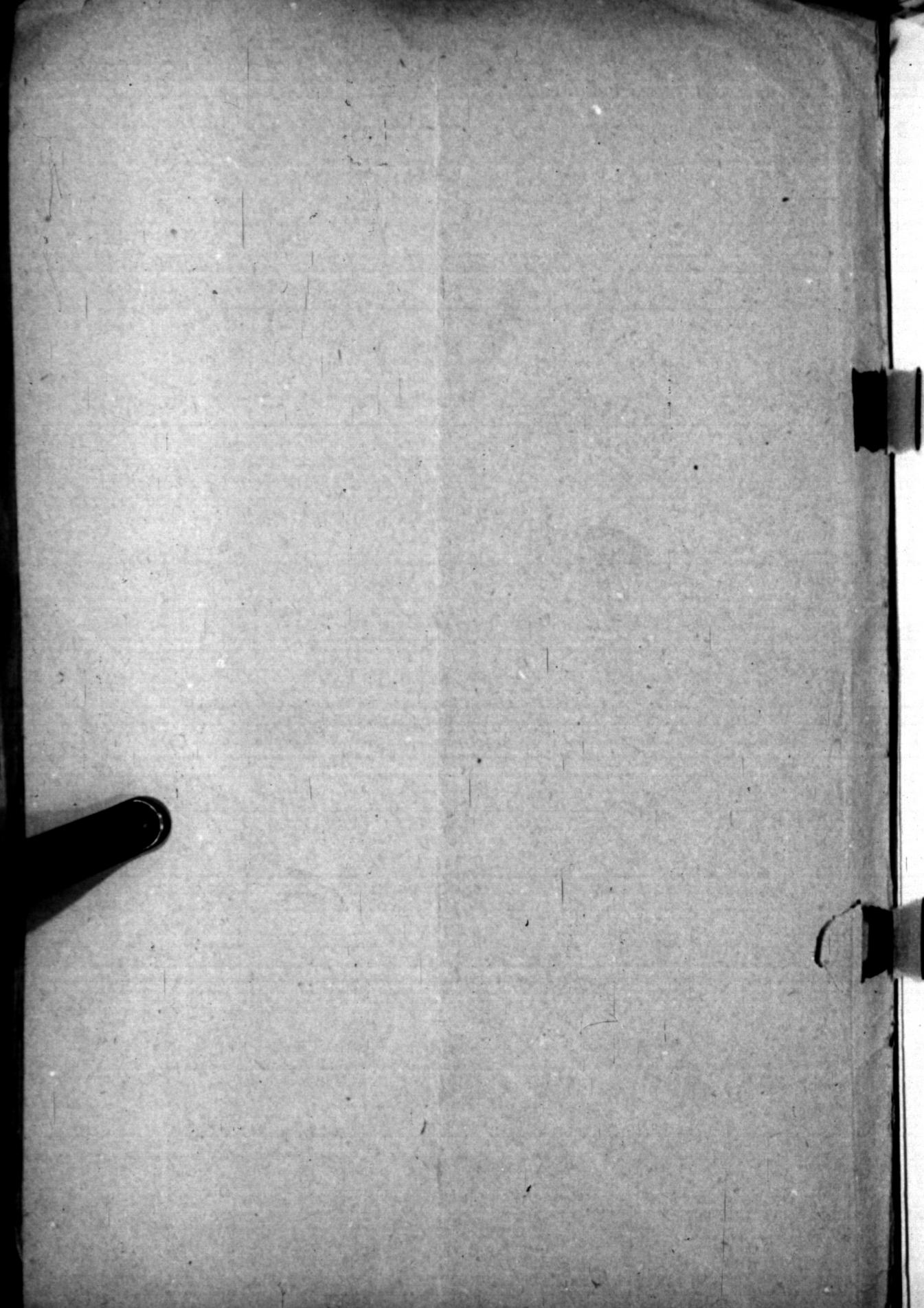
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NEXT MEETING.

PLACE—Spring Hill, Calhoun County, six miles east of Slate Springs.

TIME—10 a. m. Wednesday before the first Lord's Day in October, 1904.

ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON.....Rev. H. G. McCain.

ALTERNATE.....Rev. T. H. Wilson.

.....OFFICERS.....

MODERATOR.....J. H. Pryor.....Slate Springs, Miss.

CLERK.....J. W. Spencer.....*Bellfontaine, Miss.*

TREASURER.....T. J. King.....Eupora, Miss.

Ordained Ministers.

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NAME.	ADDRESS.
1. Allen, M. C.	Slate Springs, Miss.
2. Burns, A. T.	Slate Springs, Miss.
3. Carroll, J. T.	Grady, Miss.
4. Carroll, Andy	Embry, Miss.
5. Caldwell, W. J.	Wardwell, Miss.
6. Dorroh, Joel	Glenlynn, Miss.
7. Eidson, J. J.	Spring Creek, Miss.
8. Hendricks, H. J. D.	Sapa, Miss.
9. Hicks, A. B.	Bellefontaine, Miss.
10. Hicks, W. T.	Cleveland, Miss.
11. Hunter, J. A.	Bellefontaine, Miss.
12. McCain, H. G.	Bellefontaine, Miss.
13. McPhail, J. T.	Slate Springs, Miss.
14. Thompson, J. P.	Eupora, Miss.
15. White, R. C.	Reagan, Miss.
16. Wilson, T. H.	Bellefontaine, Miss.
17. Williams, A. F.	Eupora, Miss.
18. Williams, Chas. B.	Eupora, Miss.

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Licentiates.

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1. Britt, D. N. Embry, Miss.

Order of Business.

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1. Religious Exercises by the Moderator.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Reading of Letters.
4. Permanent Organization.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Report on Pastor's Support.
7. Report on Missions.
8. Report on Woman's Work.
9. Report on Orphan's Home.
10. Report on Sabbath Schools.
11. Report on Ministerial Education.
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14. Report on Temperance.
15. Report on Periodicals.
16. Report on Finance.
17. Report on Nominations.
18. Miscellaneous Business.
19. Calling the roll. 7

Standing Committees for 1904.

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PASTOR'S SUPPORT:

J. T. Burns, W. J. Vance.

MISSIONS:

J. W. Spencer, T. H. Wilson.

WOMAN'S WORK:

John Marshall, W. T. McQuary.

ORPHAN'S HOME:

A. B. Hicks, J. C. Winter.

SABBATH SCHOOLS:

J. E. Shaw, E. L. James.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:

J. O. Peebles, E. G. Sheppard.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE:

Jas. Denton, Jr., B. F. Starnes.

TEMPERANCE:

Scott Hardin, D. A. Lunceford.

PERIODICALS:

J. Y. Oliver, David Landrum.

MINUTES OF THE ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Zion Baptist Association met in its Sixty-Eighth Annual Session with Unity Church, on Wednesday, September the 9th, 1903. The Moderator, T. J. King, called the Association to order at 10:30 o'clock. "Come Thou Fount of every Blessing," was sung and the Moderator conducted the devotional exercises by reading the 8th chapter of Romans and Rev. A. B. Hicks led in prayer. Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The Moderator then called for letters from the various churches.

J. H. Pryor, J. O. Peeples, and J. Y. Oliver were appointed reading clerks.

J. T. Pryor moved that the reading of the letters be dispensed with and that they be turned over to the committee on digest of church letters. Motion was lost.

Motion was made to defer the Introductory Sermon and that the letters be read. Motion lost.

The time having arrived for the preaching of the Annual Sermon, the Association joined in singing, "When I Can Read My Title Clear," with spirit, after which Rev. A. B. Hicks read Psalm 135 and Rev. A. C. Mason led in prayer. Song: "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The appointee, Rev. M. L. Sheppard, being absent, the Annual Sermon was then preached by Rev. A. B. Hicks, from Revelations 11:15, after reading several passages from Daniel, as follows: 2:34, 36, 42; 4:3, 34; 6:26; 7:13, 14, 27. Theme: "The Kingdom of Christ an Everlasting Kingdom."

After the sermon, the congregation stood and sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Dismissed with Prayer by J. H. Pryor until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Came to order by singing "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Rev. W. J. Caldwell led in prayer, after which the letters were read from the various churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

- BETHANY—J. T. Pryor, T. E. Doolittle.
- BETHEL—S. C. Doolittle, J. D. Denton, Charley Denton.
- BLUFF SPRINGS—W. T. Oswalt, Alex Gary, W. C. Love.
- EUPORA—W. S. Harvey, E. Wright.
- FELLOWSHIP—D. M. Wray, J. C. Bollis.
- HARMONY—J. W. King, R. H. Oneal, T. W. Sparkman.
- Hebron—W. L. McKee.
- MIDWAY—By letter only.
- MILLIGAN SPRINGS—C. M. Barrett, W. C. Landrum, Sisters M. E. Turner and Nancy Oliver.

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Mt. VERNON—E. G. Sheppard, J. H. Clark, and J. O. Peebles.
 MULBERRY—J. G. Ross.

NEW HOPE—J. W. Spencer, J. H. Pryor, Luther Bridges.
 NEW LIBERTY—Sherman Lusk.

PHILADELPHIA—R. L. Middleton, R. Cannon, W. J. Middleton.
 PLEASANT GROVE—W. G. Martin.

PROVIDENCE—Rev. W. J. Caldwell.

SABOUGLA—John Freshower, Rufus Ingland.

SHADY GROVE—G. T. Kilpatrick, Robt. Hannah.

SHILOH—W. A. Dunn, J. E. Dunn, Evaleus Townsend.

SPRING HILL—J. H. Vance, Eli Hardin.

UNION—By letter only.

UNITY—Sim Clark, G. W. Jordan, J. L. Wray.

WALTHALL—F. M. Roberts, O. A. Paxton.

On motion, W. L. McKee was seated from Hebron church.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year.

On motion the rules were suspended and officers were elected by nomination and acclamation, resulting as follows:

Moderator, J. H. Pryor; Clerk, J. W. Spencer; Treasurer, T. J. King.

The Moderator elect was then brought forward by T. J. King and after making some touching remarks, called on Rev. A. B. Hicks to lead in prayer, after which the Association proceeded to business.

On motion, Midway and Providence churches were granted letters of dismission.

The following committee was then appointed on finance, to-wit: W. S. Harvey, J. Y. Oliver, D. M. Wray.

W. C. Love was seated as delegate from Bluff Springs church.

The following committee was then appointed on devotional exercises: Alex. Gary, W. C. Love, with the pastor and deacons of this church.

The Moderator then called for Corresponding Messengers.

The following brethren responded from the Yalobusha Association: Rev. A. C. Mason, A. T. Daniels.

Return Correspondence:

Calhoun Association—W. J. Caldwell, J. H. Vance.

Trinity Association—A. B. Hicks, W. C. Love, J. W. Spencer, J. H. Pryor.

Chester Association—J. T. King, J. G. Ross.

Yazoo Association—J. T. Pryor, J. W. King, J. Y. Oliver, J. W. Spencer.

State Convention—A. B. Hicks, J. T. Pryor, J. W. Spencer, J. H. Tharp and T. H. Wilson.


 Southern Baptist Convention—Delegate, A. B. Hicks; Alternate, T. H. Wilson.

The following amounts were pledged by the delegates from the various churches to help defray the expenses of delegates to the S. B. C:

Bethany.....	\$2 50	Mt. Vernon.....	\$2 50
Bethel	2 50	Mulberry	2 00
Fellowship.....	2 50	New Hope.....	2 50
Harmony.....	1 00	New Liberty.....	2 00

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Hebron.....	1 00	Philadelphia.....	2 00
Mulligan Springs.....	2 00	Sabougla.....	1 00
Pleasant Grove.....	1 00	Shiloh.....	1 00
Shady Grove.....	1 00	Union.....	1 00
Spring Hill.....	2 50	Walthall.....	1 50
Unity.....	2 00		
Total.....			\$33.50

The above amounts to be paid to the Associational Treasurer by May 1st, 1904.

On motion, T. J. King was appointed to assist Bro. Wright in getting up report on Pastor's Support.

On motion the report on Digest of Church Letters was omitted.

The moderator appointed the following committee on Nominations to-wit: W. A. Dunn, J. W. Clark, J. W. King.

The regular order of business was then taken up. 1st the Treasurer's report was read by J. H. Pryor and on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

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Sept. 17,	Received for State Missions.....	\$ 4 00
" "	" General Missions.....	50
" 19	" General Missions	18 30
" "	" Foreign Missions.....	12 85
" "	" Home Missions.....	4 40
" "	" State Missions.....	3 30
" "	" Orphanage	3 00
Oct. 4,	From Bethel church for Foreign Missions	7 50
Jan. 12, 1903,	New Hope church for Foreign Missions	22 00
Apr. 15,	Fellowship church for Foreign Missions	5 00
" 25,	Mt. Vernon church for Foreign Missions	5 05
May 9,	Unity church for Foreign Missions.....	5 00
	Received the following for delegates to S. B. Convention	
Jan. 19,	New Hope church.....	2 50
April 30,	Sabougla church.....	1 00
May 5,	Unity church.....	1 00
" 15,	Pleasant Hill church.....	1 00
Dec. 8, 1902,	Bluff Springs church.....	1 50
" "	Shiloh church.....	1 00
" 8,	By amount sent A. V. Rowe.....	\$ 30 50
" 8,	By amount sent R. J. Willingham.....	32 00
" 8,	By amount sent L. S. Foster.....	3 00
" 8,	By amount paid Rev. A. B. Hicks.....	8 00
" 8,	Bal. on hand and sent to my successor	† 25 40
To Balance.....	\$ 98 90	\$ 98 90
	† 25 40	

JOHN HARVEY, Treasurer.

Items marked (*) should be \$54.00; Items marked (†) should be \$3.40

On motion the report on Missions was deferred until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

Committee on devotion reported Rev. W. J. Caldwell to preach at 11:30 o'clock to-morrow. D. M. Wray to conduct devotional exercises in the morning.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The delegates were assigned homes and the Association was dismissed with prayer by Rev. A. C. Mason.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation." D. M. Wray read first chapter of James and J. G. Ross led in prayer. Song, "More about Jesus."

The time for special order having arrived, Rev. A. B. Hicks read report on Missions and it was discussed by A. B. Hicks, A. C. Mason, J. T. Pryor, W. A. Dunn, C. S. Clark, A. W. Gary, and was adopted.

Report on Missions.

It is with profound gratitude that we note the great and continued blessings of Almighty God on our Foreign Mission Work during the past year. The fields are white unto the harvest, the walls of the nations have fallen down in answer to our prayers, the gates of the world stand open to receive the glorious gospel of Christ, and the command of our risen Lord is: "Go into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature, (man)."

We note with grateful hearts, the increased interest among God's children, in giving the gospel to the world. Last year we gave \$173,439.49, this year the contributions have reached the sum of \$218,512.62, an increase of \$45,073.13 for 1903-4. The work is laid out on a basis of \$300,000.

Last year we were grateful for the 1,439 souls added to the Kingdom of God through the efforts of our missionaries, but this year, through the same agency, the Lord has given us 1,790, an increase of 351 over the previous year. The saving of souls being the supreme object of our work, we rejoice that God has so signally honored and blest us; last year we had a force of 286 missionaries and native helpers which has been augmented this year by the addition of 12 new missionaries and 21 native helpers, making a working force of 319. This ever increasing number of those who long to break the "bread of life" to the perishing millions, should impress us with the fact that God is leading and moving for the evangelization of the world. While with grateful hearts we rejoice in the good accomplished during the year just closed, we turn our eyes from the past to the future, with its great opportunities and enlarged responsibilities. The work, committed by Christ to His people to preach the Gospel in all the world to every creature, let us take up more faithfully than ever before, and with more earnestness and zeal, carry it forward for the good of dying men and for the glory of His blessed name.

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of our Home Mission Board has been very encouraging. We are sending men under its direction to preach the old gospel to the New South, that the religious and industrial development may go hand in hand. We must see to it, that the missionary of the King of Kings is found in every community where the kings of commerce have gone. The commission lies in three divisions: First, Universal Evangelization; second, Baptizing; third, The Teaching of all Things Commanded by the Master. The Baptists have been measureably strong on the first part of the commission. They have been very strong on the second part, but they have been distressingly weak on the third part. If we shall enlighten and enlist the hundreds of thousands of Baptists in the South, now largely inactive and sadly inefficient, the next generation will witness in these Southern states the greatest force of God's baptized people ever marshalled on this earth for the conquest of the world to the obedience of faith. The Board has under its direction 671 missionaries, who baptized last year 8,969 converts, into the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. The receipts of the Board from regular sources this year, have been \$108,661.59.

STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptist churches of Mississippi have made the best showing in their history during the past year. In foreign missions, the showing is phenomenal, the increase being 77 per cent over that of last year, with contributions amounting to \$16,105.42; for Home Missions, \$5,610.58; for State Missions, we raised \$13,000. There have been 7,047 baptisms in the churches during the year. Altogether, the Baptists in Mississippi have good reason to feel proud of what they have accomplished during the year. Dear Brethren of the Zion Association, our Divine Lord is leading us; let us go forward. Will we, favored of God, redeemed through his love, give to others the glorious gospel of Christ, which has been such a blessing to us?

We, your committee, recommend that each church in the Association be requested to appoint three active members whose duty it shall be to visit each member of their respective churches and solicit a contribution for missions from every member

A. B. HICKS,
D. M. WRAY.

Motion prevailed to have preaching at the Presbyterian church.
Song, "Turned Away From the Beautiful Gate."

The Moderator called for Correspondence. Rev. J. W. Field responded from Yalobusha Association and was welcomed to a seat.

J. H. Pryor read report on Sabbath Schools, discussed by Revs. J. W. Field, C. S. Clark, A. B. Hicks, A. C. Mason, and adopted:

Report on Sunday Schools.

At the last meeting of this Association, out of 27 churches reporting, 16 reported Sunday Schools with 97 officers and teachers and 809 pupils. Since that time, to my own knowledge, three new schools have been organized, and I have been informed that two schools have suspended, so I suppose we may say that we have made a slight advance, but the interest manifested in this department of church work is far from what it ought to be. There ought to be a Sunday School in every church every Sunday in the year. What is a Sunday School? In short, it is a place where people

meet to study, to teach and to learn the blessed truths of God's Holy Word, to tell the children, the young people, yea and the old people, if you please and to all that will listen, the dear old story of Jesus and His love.

Where is there a place to be found that surpasses the Sunday School, for this purpose and how could we better employ our time on the Sabbath day, than to meet at God's House, and there together study the Scriptures and teach the sacred truths which they contain to all that will learn.

Then Brethren and Sisters let our motto be: a Sunday School in every church, and in every neighborhood in the land, let us meet every Sunday, and as best we can, teach to our generation the precious truths of God's Word and lift up our hearts in humble prayer to Him that he would sanctify our teaching to the salvation of many precious souls.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. PRYOR,
For the Committee

On motion Rev. A. C. Mason and Sherman Lusk were appointed to report on Orphan's Home.

Adjourned with prayer by J. W. Field, for dinner, to reassemble at 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by J. W. Spencer,
Song, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

Business resumed. J. L. Wray read report on Ministerial Education. Discussed by J. W. Field and adopted.

Ministerial Education

We your committee understand the meaning of Ministerial Education to some extent, yet we as a body of christians do not heed its suggestions as we should. Brethren we deem it our indespensible duty as christians to educate our ministers, for this is a progressive age, that they may have influence and power of speech to bring souls to Christ, for he who is to lead us in divine things should be prepared in literature and theology, as well as in spiritual things. If they are not able to qualify themselves, we should assist them with our means and our prayers. We ask the pastors and messengers to present this matter to their respective churches.

We recommend any one in our district who may be in need of financial help to this Association. Respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
C. S. CLARK,
G. W. JORDAN,
J. L. WRAY.

J. H. Pryor read report on Systematic Beneficence. Discussed by J. T. Pryor, J. T. King, A. B. Hicks, and adopted.

Systematic Beneficence.

It is a question that is undeniable that we are to give of our substance for the spread and perpetuation of the gospel and other purposes pertaining to our church work. And we are commanded to lay by in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered us, but as our association is largely composed of farmers who have no weekly income. We suggest an annual settlement of our church work. We would advise that each church

be consistent and not lay burdens grievous to be borne by its members, but let us study carefully and stipulate the amounts we are to give to each object, making due allowance for contingencies. After these objects are summed up let the church have a stated day, and each member come and render to the deacons the full value of his or her property, and let the deacons prorate the amounts to each brother in proportion to his property. And we would insist that these amounts be paid out of our first fruits.

We offer this as suggestive, not compulsory, but we believe it is right and Scriptural. Respectfully submitted,

C. F. FLOURNOY, { Committee.
ELI HARDIN, }

The Moderator called for report on pastors' support. There being no written report, T. J. King made a verbal report, which on motion, he was requested to reduce to writing and furnish the Clerk. Remarks on the subject by W. A. Dunn and C. S. Clark and motion prevailed.

Pastors' Support.

We find that the 2640 Baptists of the Zion Association pay their pastors about fifty-three cents each, and when we subtract the salaries of three pastors and the membership of their churches, the balance of the Association pay the pitiful sum of about thirty-three cents. We find also that a few members in each church bear the burdens, if indeed we can call it a burden for a dozen Baptists to pay the pitiful salary that some of our pastors receive. We find again that some pastors are receiving from churches, if indeed they can be called pastors and churches, the pitiful sum of five, fifteen and thirty-five dollars. Brethren, this is a deplorable condition to realize. Can we not stir up our churches to a sense of their duty and the great responsibility that rests upon them? Is a man worthy of being called a Baptist and have his name enrolled as a member of a Baptist church, who will not give more than thirty-three cents to have the gospel preached to him? Is a church worthy of being called a Baptist church, whose membership would starve their pastor? Is a man worthy to be called a pastor, who continues to preach to a church that he cannot arouse to a sense of their duty of supporting him? While we accept our full share of the responsibility for such conditions in not enforcing discipline, we do insist that the pastors are largely responsible for not urging discipline or refusing to serve them as pastors. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." We are commanded not to keep company with the covetous, but rather put away from among us any such wicked persons. Let us arouse ourselves from our slumbers to a sense of the duties and responsibilities that rest upon us. Non-attendance of church meetings and a refusal to help support the pastor is a sin that should offend the church and such an one should be disciplined. Respectfully submitted,

T. J. KING.

The Association then proceeded to select the place to hold the next meeting: Spring Hill, Calhoun county, was selected and time of meeting to be on Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, 1904.

Report on Orphans' Home read by A. C. Mason, discussed by A. C. Mason, A. B. Hicks and report adopted.

Orphan's Home.

With the limited time we have, it will not be possible for your committee to present an adequate report on the subject. For years it was upon the hearts of the Baptists of Mississippi to establish a home for parentless children till God impressed it upon the heart of one of his servants to give himself to this work. It was founded upon the great principles of the Muller Orphanage in England—no agents to be sent out to solicit contributions, but by faith in God to put it into the hearts of His people to support it. Under the faithful administration of Brother L. S. Foster, it has made wonderful strides toward success. To see and to know this fully, one must acquaint himself by observation as well as through other sources.

In May, 1897, the Orphanage was opened in a rented house, with three children and one lady in charge. We have today a superintendent's home and two cottages, one for the small children and one as a hospital. Besides this there is the Jennings Hall, built at a cost of about \$10,000. This is a wonderful growth in so short a time. The number of children has increased from three to eighty-six. It is impossible for us to compute the benefit it has been and will be to the world. These children and those who will enter its walls hereafter are being prepared to meet the obligations that will be upon them in after years. Every effort is being put forth to bring them into the fold of Christ.

Dr. Foster recently resigned the superintendence of the Orphanage and Bro. J. R. Carter was appointed to fill the vacancy. Let us hope, trust and pray that God may continue to bless this great undertaking. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. MASON,
A. B. HICKS, Committee.

The Association then made a cash contribution for the Orphanage, the same (less $\frac{1}{2}$) paid to the sisters of this church for two quilts, which were given to the home.

Song: "Blessed Home."

J. W. Spencer read report on Temperance, discussed by J. W. Field and B. Hicks and was adopted.

Report on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance submit the following: By this term is understood the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. To the mind of your committee this business has been correctly styled the "Matchless Evil." Time and again has our denomination, both in our Association and State Convention, spoken out in no uncertain sound in reference to this question. We again wish to declare that we are unalterably opposed to this vile business and practice. Your committee looks upon this business as being the greatest curse of our nation to-day; as being pre-eminently "the pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

At almost every term of court in our counties some of our most promising young men perjure themselves to shield some vile wretch, who for a few paltry dollars has sold himself to work evil, only evil, and that continually. The saloon is an unmixed evil. Who is it that comes into our homes as a friend or hired man and then robs and murders the whole family? RUM. It is yearly blasting and debauching the lives of our young men, filling pre-

mature graves with their bodies and Oh! horrors, thrusting their immortal souls down to perdition. The saloon is indeed the working man's club but a club to destroy his home, break up his family, rob him of his situation, blast his reputation, and will at last, according to the teaching of the Scriptures damn his soul. It is the resort of many of the most evil men and women in every community, the hot bed of thieving, the home of impurity, and the meeting place of anarchists; it is the recruiting station of hades—the vestibule of perdition. It is impossible to name any element in life, whether it be physical health, intellectual growth, or spiritual character which the saloon does not injure.

It is the unspeakable foe to every home and every noble interest of the human race; satan's chief ally and man's bitterest foe. But the saddest of all; your committee has seen in the public prints this year that drunkenness and gambling are on the increase among society women in this fair land of ours. Merciful Master, is it possible, that this hideous monster, this Fetich, is fastening his slimy folds around the fair queens of our home? "Oh, tell it not in Gath, publish it not in Askelon, how the mighty are fallen." And yet, and yet, some posing as ministers of the glorious gospel of the blessed Christ will defend this cursed business. "Oh shame where is thy blush, consistency where art thou gone." And we sometimes hear brethren say, "the open saloon is better than local option." Brethren, stop and think, we pray you; surely you do not mean it. Men and women of Israel, help.

Your committee stands not only for State, but National Prohibition, if you please. Christian people let us arise, and Samson like, shake off our lethargy and drive this hateful monster from this fair land of ours. Let it be with us war to the knife and knife to the hilt. Like the Arabs, who have a black feather in the handle of their spears, never retreat, ask for no favors, nor give any quarter. The triumph of prohibition in our State is very gratifying to your committee.

The times are very evil,
The day is waxing late;
Be watchful and take warning,
The Judge is at the gate.

J. W. SPENCER, for the Committee.

J. W. Spencer read report on periodicals, discussed by A. B. Hicks, and was adopted.

Report on Periodicals.

Reports on the above is considered, we fear, by the majority of church members, of little importance but as we are expected to write something, we submit the following:

First, we would recommend that every family have a weekly Baptist paper come into their home every week, and that the same be read and studied for religious information. Our own State paper, "The Baptist," we consider preferable for Mississippi Baptists to read. Every State has a State paper that is very edifying and uplifting to christians. Then we have the "Foreign Mission Journal," that every christian who belongs to a Missionary Baptist church should read.

Brethren in selecting your literature, first, select some of our best periodicals and place them on your tables before you select any secular paper. Last, but not least, let us not fail to read the Bible daily, that we may know the will of our Heavenly Father and the doctrine taught therein. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. PRYOR, (For the Committee.)

D. M. Wray read the report on finance, which on motion was adopted.

Finance Report.

Your committee on finance submits the following report: We have received the following amounts from the churches for the objects named:

For Minutes.....	\$33.50
Foreign Missions.....	14.55
Home Missions.....	1.00
General Missions.....	4.00
Orphans' Home.....	1.85
Total.....	<u>\$54.90</u>

J. H. Pryor read report on nominations, which on motion was adopted. Your committee makes the following report: To preach the introductory sermon—Rev. H. G. McCain; T. H. Wilson, alternate.

C. S. CLARK,
J. W. KING, } Committee.
W. A. DUNN,

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services. The following resolution of thanks was offered by T. J. King:

RESOLVED: That the Zion Association tender to the Unity church and whole community our most heart felt thanks for the most hospitable and bountiful manner in which they have entertained us, and pray that God's truest blessings abide with them.

There being no other business the motion to adjourn prevailed. The Association joined in singing "We'll Never Say Good-bye in Heaven." The closing prayer was offered by Rev. A. B. Hicks, and the Moderator declared the Association adjourned to meet with the Spring Hill church, six miles east of Slate Springs on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1904.

J. W. SPENCER, Clerk,

J. H. PRYOR, Moderator.



PROGRAM
OF THE
District Meeting of the Zion Association.

Which meets with Pilgrims Rest Church, Webster County on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1904.

Introductory Sermon, Rev. A. T. Burns; Alternate, J. T. Carroll.

1. "How Does the Gospel Make Man Better," Rev. W. J. Caldwell.
2. "Why Have Sabbath Schools?" Rev. C. B. Williams.
3. "Who Should be Teachers in Sabbath Schools?" Rev. D. N. Britt.
4. "Who Should be the Pupils of a Sabbath School?" J. W. Spencer.
5. "Why Should We Have a Family Altar?" Rev. H. G. McCain.
6. "Why Should We Grace Our Table?" D. M. Wray.
7. "What is the Best Method of Raising Church Funds?" Rev. M. C. Allen.
8. "How Should We Deal With a Member That Will not Aid in Bearing the Burdens of the Church?" Rev. A. T. Burns,
9. "Is it Right for the Church to Tolerate Worldly Service in a Church, if so, What Kind?" Rev. A. B. Hicks.
10. "How Should a Church Deal with a Member for Non-Attendance?" —J. H. Pryor.
11. "How Should a Church be Dealt with in the Association for Failing to Carry out the Ordinances of the Church?" Rev. T. H. Wilson.

REV. W. J. CALDWELL,
E. STRICKLAND,
S. O. PITTMAN, / Committee.

MINUTES OF THE
Zion Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

The Sabbath School Convention of Zion Association met with the New Hope Sunday School Friday, July 17th, 1903. The Convention was opened by the Chaplain, who read Romans 12; prayer by M. C. Allen.

The President appointed J. W. Spencer and W. W. Naron reading clerks. Letters from the following schools were read, to-wit: Eupora, New Hope, Bellefontaine, Hopewell, Bethel, Montevista and Randolph. Delegates from Bartin School House, Cross Roads, Slate Springs and Mt. Zion were received without letters. On motion all ministers, superintendents and Sunday School teachers were made members of this Convention.

Officers for the ensuing year elected as follows: J. C. Winter, president; W. T. Gwin, vice-president; J. O. Peoples, secretary; J. J. Nelms, chaplain; J. W. Spencer, anniversarian.

The address of welcome was delivered by Miss Lizzie Allen; responded to by Rev. A. B. Hicks. Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. Sidney Allen. Bethel, Calhoun county, was selected as the place for holding the next meeting. The program was then taken up.

"Best Method of Arousing and Sustaining Interest in S. S. Work," was discussed by T. J. King.

"The Relation of the S. S. to the Church," by Rev. Joel Dorroh, was discussed by W. J. McPhail and A. B. Hicks.

An Essay on "Repentance and Faith," by Miss Fannie Nelms, of Hopewell School, was discussed by Rev. Sidney Allen.

"The Bible and How to Study it." Discussed by Rev H. G. McCain and Rev. Joel Dorroh. Adjourned with prayer for the day.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The convention was opened by the Chaplain, who read 103rd Psalm. Prayer by J. H. Pryor. A. B. Hicks, J. H. Pryor and J. W. Spencer were appointed a Committee on Special Memoirs on the death of A. B. Wilson and Lois Hardin. The program for second day was then taken up.

A paper on "Practical Godliness," by Mrs. Jennie Magness was discussed by A. B. Hicks.

"Essential Characteristics of a Successful S. S. Teacher," by J. W. Spencer, was discussed by Rev. Martin.

Essay, "Conversion," Miss Fannie Gaynor, of Mt. Zion S. S., was discussed by Rev. T. H. Wilson.

Bro. A. B. Wilson, our Aniversarian, having died, Rev. A. B. Hicks delivered the address in a very able manner.

An Essay "Sabbath School and Church," by Miss Bertha Spencer, of New Hope S. S., was discussed by Rev. Sidney Allen.

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. T. H. Wilson.

"The Sabbath Day and How to Keep it Holy," by T. H. Wilson.

An Essay, "Influence" by Miss Ethel Sugg, of Bellefontaine S. S., was discussed by Rev. A. B. Hicks.

Essay, "Benefits of the S. S." by Mrs. Bettie Ligon, of the Barton School House S. S., discussed by J. S. Dorroh.

"The Sunday School as an Evangelizing Agency." J. H. Pryor and Rev. Sidney Allen.

On motion, the Secretary of this Convention was requested to have these proceedings published in the minutes of the Association.

After offering resolutions of thanks to the good people of New Hope for the hospitality shown us, the Convention adjourned to meet with the Bethel Sunday School on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1904.

J. C. WINTER, President.

J. O. PEEPLES, Secretary.

MEMORIAL PAGE.

Mrs. Julia Edwards.....	Died 1902
“ Lina Mitchell.....	Died 1902
“ Mamie James.....	Died 1902
“ Nannie Oswalt.....	Died 1902
Griff Moreman.....	Died 1902
J. W. Strickland	Died 1902
Mrs. J. S. Eiland.....	Died 1902
Miss Lola McCord.....	Died 1902
Emily Jestice.....	Died 1902
E. A. Avery.....	Died
Fanny Norwood.....	Died
Samantha Carroll.....	Died
Willis Pittman.....	Died
I. J. Anderson.....	Died
H. M. Caffee.....	Died
John Poe.....	Died
W. D. Hardin.....	Died
Mrs. Martha Vance.....	Died 1903
“ Virgie Smith.....	Died 1903
“ Viilla Huffman.....	Died 1903
Alice Smith.....	Died 1903
Miss Lois Hardin.....	Died 1903
H. M. Trussell.....	Died 1903
J. C. Brown.....	Died 1903
James Cannon.....	Died 1903
J. C. Middleton.....	Died 1903
A. B. Wilson.....	Died 1903
Mrs. T. R. Bennett.....	Died 1903
“ Eugenia Bussell.....	Died
“ T. Patridge.....	Died
“ Lola Townsend.....	Died



“Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord.”—Rev. 14:13.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.		Day of Meeting	Baptized.	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Paid for Merchandise	State Missions	Foreign Missions	General Missions	Missionary Endowment	Educational Institution	Callego	Orphan's Home	Pastor's Salary	No. Clergymen	No. Deacons	Sabbath Schools	Amount Paid for Interpretation
Bethany	1	4	3	1	6	1	5	132	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.65	\$ 3.90	\$ 2.75	3.75							\$ 6.00
Bethel																				
Bluff Springs																				
Eunora																				
Fellowship																				
Greensboro																				
Harmony																				
Hebron																				
Midway																				
Miligan Springs																				
Mt. Vernon																				
Mt. Zion																				
Miniberry																				
New Hop-																				
New Liberty																				
Philadelphia																				
Pilgrim's Rest																				
Pleasant Grove																				
Pleasant Hill																				
Providence																				
Sabougha																				
Sapa																				
Shady Grove																				
Shiloh																				
Spring Hill																				
Union																				
Unity																				
Walthall																				
Total									135.79	4	163.52	99.90	234.55	3.15	40.80	35.11	85.82	0.01		\$ 603.72

STATISTICAL TABLE Continued.

CHURCHES,	LIT. TURE	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE	COUNTY
Bethany	S. B. C. S.	J. T. Pryor	Tilden Pryor	A. C. Ball	J. S. Dorroh	State Springs	Calhoun
	"	E. Phelps, J. D. Denton		A. T. Burns	J. D. Denton	Denton	"
Fellowship	S. B. C. S.	E. Wright	W. W. Naron	T. H. Middleton	W. F. Hood	Catooga	Webster
	"	T. F. Wilson	May Stephenson	J. L. Phelps	W. W. Naron	Eupora	"
Greensboro	S. B. C. S.	E. Harmon		A. B. Hicks	A. W. Suzg	McCain	"
	"	Hebron		J. W. Field	E. D. Parker	Alva	Montgomery
Midway	S. B. C. S.	Miligan Springs		A. C. Ball	J. M. Blue	Blue	Calhoun
	"	Mt. Vernon		T. N. Lusk	J. A. Lusk	Arin	Webster
Mt. Zion	S. B. C. S.	Minberry		A. B. Hicks	W. T. Clark	Ship	"
	"	New Hope		Joel Dorroh	A. F. Greenlee	Eupora	"
New Liberty	S. B. C. S.	Philadelphia		A. T. Camp	R. H. Lishman	Lodi	Montgomery
	"	Pilgrim's Rest		A. B. Hicks	J. H. White	Glenlynn	Webster
Pleasant Grove	S. B. C. S.	Pleasant Hill		T. N. Lusk	J. T. Dalton	Dobey	"
	"	Providence		A. T. Burns	R. L. Middleton	Alva	"
Sabougla	S. B. C. S.	Stella Hobby		Joel Dorroh	J. X. Carroll	Embry	Grenada
	"	Wapapa		A. C. Ball	J. E. Shaw	"	Calhoun
Tulloh	S. B. C. S.	T. R. Towles		A. T. Burns	J. G. Burton	Redding	"
	"	J. P. Jester		T. H. Wilson	J. H. Davis	Reagan	"
Spring Hill	S. B. C. S.	J. L. Dunn		A. L. Spencer	A. L. Dunn	Wardwell	"
	"	C. F. Flournoy		J. T. Dunn	G. T. Kilpatrick	Sabougla	"
Union	S. B. C. S.	Allen Jones		Joel Dorroh	W. A. Dunn	Eupora	Webster
	"	J. W. Clark		A. B. Hicks	M. C. Hardin	Tomulen	Montgomery
Wathall	S. B. C. S.	B. DeLashmet		J. G. Ross	F. M. Wood	Hardin	Calhoun
	"			A. C. Mason	J. L. Wray	Greenboro	Webster
				S. M. Cole	C. M. Garner	Eupora	Montgomery